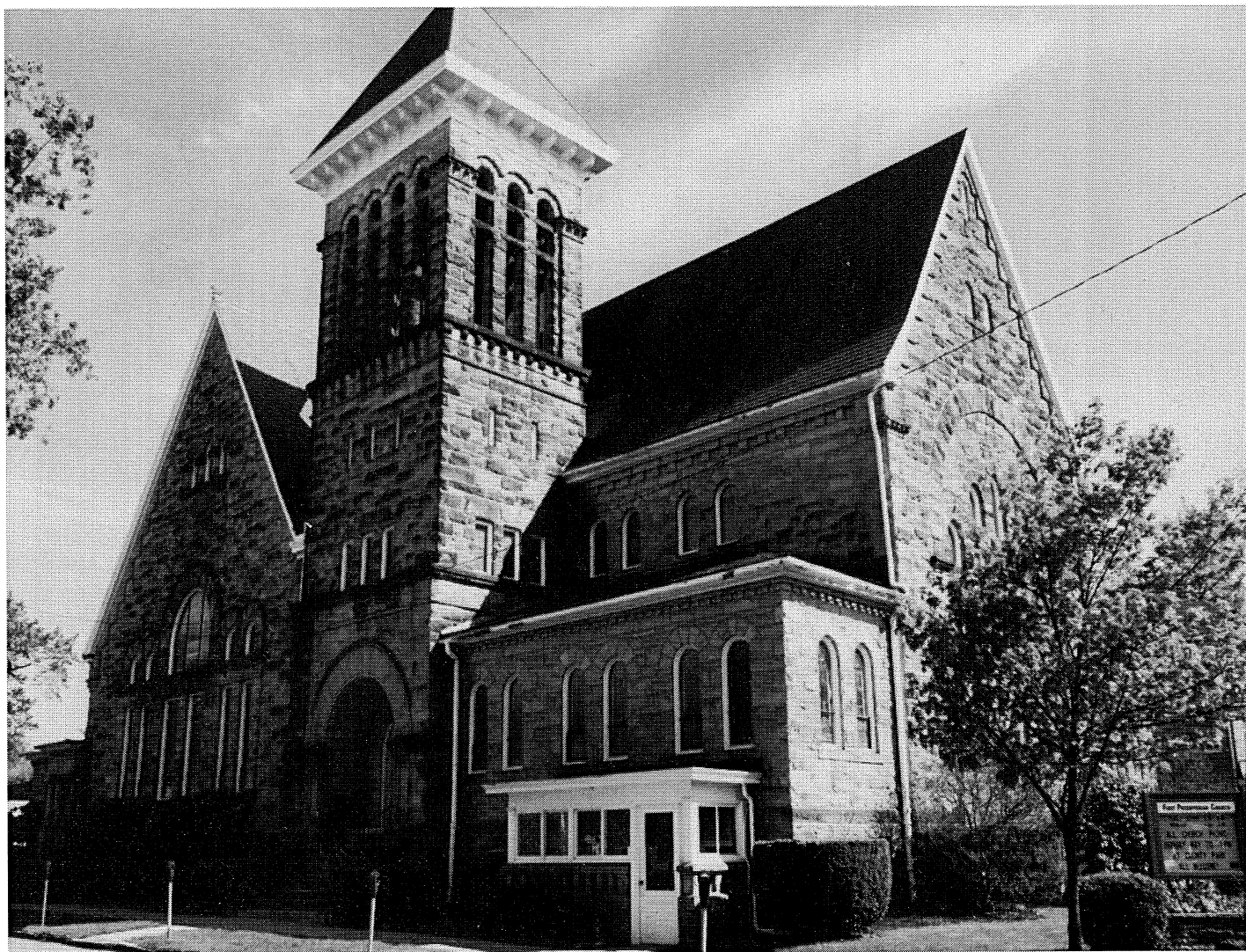


First Presbyterian Church



*Second Sunday after Pentecost
Communion
June 6, 2024*



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We come together to worship, grow, and serve as disciples of Christ.

We Gather in God's Name

(Tune your car radio to 88.7 FM)

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Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Jeff Deitz

We silently shift our focus to God and prepare to worship.

Prelude

Come Christians, Join to Sing

Spanish melody

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

The God who has searched us and knows us, who is acquainted with all our ways, that God calls us each by name.

Speak Holy One, your servants are listening!

The God who liberated slaves from Egypt, the Lord of Sabbath who bids us rest, that God empowers us to make Jesus' life visible in our very bodies.

Speak, Holy One, your servants are listening!

Let us sing aloud to God, our strength, and shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

✦ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

✦ Hymn No. 409

God Is Here!

✦ Call to Confession

Gathered before the throne of God's infinite mercy, let us lay aside the weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us confess our need for grace.

✦ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. You call us to love and serve you, but we do not heed your voice. You offer us restoration in Christ, but we turn away from your good gifts. Forgive us, God of grace. Reveal the treasure of heavenly life hidden in our fragile human hearts, so that your love may shine in us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Jesus endured the cross and disregarded its shame for the sake of the joy that was set before him. That joy is our salvation. His joy is our freedom.

Friends, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

✦ Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen

We Share God's Word

Time with the Children

Debra Owens

Prayer of Illumination

Jeff Deitz

First Scripture

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

(p. 162)

Second Scripture

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

(p. 180)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Treasure in Clay Jars"

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

✠ Hymn No. 394

Jesu, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

We Give Thanks to God

✠ Affirmation of Faith

4.021 The Heidelberg Catechism

True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

Ira Stanphill

✠ Doxology

✠ Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

We thank you God for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ, and have received Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✠ Hymn No. 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

✠ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Festal March from "Rinaldo"

G. F. Handel,
arr. Harold K. Marks

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

COMMUNION

It is our tradition in this church family to hold each element until everyone has received, and then partake together.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Please remember at the close of the service, the Postlude is a time to silently reflect on God and the mission to which we are called. We ask that you please remain silent and seated until the music has ended.

WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. We are glad to provide hybrid and virtual worship services for this Sunday. Services are currently livestreamed on our Facebook page (First Presbyterian Church of Clarion) in real time, then archived to our website and Facebook page.

At First Presbyterian Church our mission is to worship, grow, and serve as followers of Jesus. From our youngest to our oldest, we seek to worship God in our actions, grow in God's love, and serve God's people in our community and around the world. We hope that you will come join us so we may personally extend a warm welcome. If you have any questions or particular prayer needs, please feel free to contact the church office at 226-8145 between 9 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

For more information visit our website at www.clarionfirstpresby.org.

Find us on Facebook! (First Presbyterian Church of Clarion)

Radio Broadcast-WWCH 94.1 FM every third Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

Video recordings of past sermons may be viewed by clicking the "Worship" link on our home page at www.clarionfirstpresby.org or a phone app is available at sermon.net (look for First Presbyterian Church—Clarion.) You can also choose to listen to an audio version. Simply pick the option that works best for you. Videos of Sunday worship are also posted on our Facebook page (see above).

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CHURCH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Mihm
Organist: Jean Mitrosky
Director of Music: Bonnie Champion
Treasurer: Brenda Nesbitt
Secretary: Debra Owens
Sexton: Mike Hetrick
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz
Video Engineer: Dan Willy

Ruling Elders:

<u>Class of 2024:</u>	<u>Class of 2025:</u>	<u>Class of 2026:</u>
Kathy Larimer	Jeff Deitz	Norma Kooman
Elaine Matticks	Jeff Kapp	Dave Larimer
Pam Reid	Kurt Nesbitt	Cindy Stants

Deacons:

<u>Class of 2024:</u>	<u>Class of 2025:</u>	<u>Class of 2026:</u>
Bonnie Champion	Kim Lewis	Robin Cable
Marianne Reynolds	Lee Seitz	Tamalyn Goble
Mary Swanger	Lori Smith	Joey Kunselman

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Mihm
Lector: Jeff Deitz
Time with Children: Debra Owens
Director of Music: Bonnie Champion
Organist: Jean Mitrosky
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp
Video Engineer: Dan Willy/Kurt Nesbitt
Acolytes: Gavin Kunselman, Clara Stants, Jeremy Willy
Ushers in Charge: Lori Smith, Bill and Bonnie Champion

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, and in honor of Ron and Joyce Alberta, by Pauline Henry.

The rosebud on the piano is in celebration of the May 17th birth of Decker John Domalewski to parents J. R. and Alexis Domalewski. Ron and Joyce Alberta are the proud great grandparents.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship
—Communion

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

5/26/2024

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$2,130.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$102.00
Total Contributions	\$2,232.00

Weekly Donations

Food Bags	\$525.00
Pentecost	\$125.00
Caring Callers	\$25.00
Men's Fellowship	\$120.00
Rental Income—Head Start May	\$1,245.00
Blessing Box	\$300.00
Total	\$2,340.00
Total	\$4,572.00

NOTES:

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Monday, June 3

5:15 p.m. Fellowship Committee, Sisterhood Room

Tuesday, June 4

6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous, Step Down Room

Wednesday, June 5

6:00 p.m. CE Meeting, Sunday School Room

6:00 p.m. Deacon Heritage Setup, Chapel

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Step Down Room

Thursday, June 6

12:30 p.m. Caring Callers Picnic, Aharrah Pavilion

Next Sunday, June 9 Heritage Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heritage Sunday, celebrating members with 50 or more years in this church family, is next Sunday, June 9th.



Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 16. Graduates from high school and college (December 2023 and May/June 2024) will be recognized for their accomplishments during the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 16. Be sure to contact the church office no later than June 9.

Looking Ahead:

- **Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 30th through August 2nd.** This year's theme is rumored to be pretty exciting! More details will be revealed as the time draws closer. Do not miss it!!!

Mission's Coat Project continues. The coat rack is on the walkway between the Ramp Room and the CE Building. Coats hung on the rack are for anyone who needs a coat. If you need a coat, please take one. If you have a coat or two that are new or still in great shape, hang them on the rack so

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

someone else may be blessed with their warmth. New or gently-used tennis shoes are also needed.

Our Church Treasurer, Brenda Nesbitt, is resigning from her position due to time constraints from her daily job. **We are now seeking candidates for Church Treasurer.** If you are interested, please contact anyone from the Personnel Committee for details. Chairman: Jeff Kapp 814-745-2484, Robin Cable 814-226-5273, Jeff Deitz 814-745-2296. We thank Brenda for a job well done and wish her the best!

PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable

Margy Port

Don McCord

Rick Goble

Shirley McKinley

Sue Burns

All our homebound members

Mary Biser

Charlotte Hartman

Kenneth Daugherty, Jr.

Ben McKinley

Laurie Dickey

Anthony Louder

Pat Hargest

Michael McConnell

Alice Davis

Alexandra Sharrar

Dr. Shannon Penland

Mary Kay Arth

Tracey & Jody Hall

Mason Martin and family

Angelo Gehenio

Jeri Reddinger

Joe Amato

Tom Minich

Rob Summerville

Evie Renwick

Richard Moore

A person going through
some family issues

Bridget Mattson

Cori

Ellen DiBernardo

Chuck Reninger

Sara Bennefield

Bereaved

Jim Hager Family and

Friends

Travis Radaker Family and

Friends

Ella Henry Family and

Friends

John Pezek Family and

Friends

Liz Williams Family and

Friends

Around the World

Everyone serving in the US

Military

Gitwe Congregation in

Rwanda, our faith partners

Homebound Member of the Week

Cecilia "Bunny" Rhea

Highland Oaks at Water Run
Rm 110

300 Water Run Road
Clarion, PA 16214

JUNE 2, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking
faith
home

The sabbath is good news for our lives.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 2:23—3:6	A question about the sabbath
Monday	Deuteronomy 5:12-15	Respect the sabbath
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Treasure in clay jars
Wednesday	Isaiah 58:13-14	Honor the sabbath
Thursday	Exodus 20:8-11	Remember the sabbath day
Friday	Hebrews 4:1-11	The rest that God promised
Saturday	Psalms 81:1-10	God makes us strong
Sunday	Mark 3:20-35	Doing the work of God

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then he [Jesus] said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath." Mark 2:27-28 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Merciful and loving God, we thank you for the gift of sabbath rest that our lives may be renewed in body, mind, and spirit through Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you who provide the grain of the fields for us to eat, we thank you for your love and kindness that renews our lives daily through Jesus Christ, the Son of Man. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's love renew you each day through Christ our Lord.

JUNE 2, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*I Heard the Voice of
Jesus Say*

taking
faith
home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What exhausts you? What refreshes you?
- When do you take a day of rest (sabbath) and what do you like to do on that day?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 2:23—3:6.

This amazing text from the Gospel of Mark says much about the story of Jesus. Jesus draws criticism from those wanting to protect God's teachings. He ends up gaining the deadly opposition of religious and cultural leaders (Pharisees and Herodians), even though these two groups also oppose one another in other contexts. Jesus and the Pharisees engage in biblical debate about the intent of God's word. Jesus argues, "*The sabbath was made for humankind*" (Mark 2:27). Deuteronomy 5:12-15 clearly supports that. Honoring the sabbath was much more than worshipping on the sabbath day (Sunday for most Christians). This commandment was the first recorded labor law, protecting workers from being abused and allowing for a day of rest. It protected life. Whether its gathering grain to eat or healing a withered hand on the sabbath, the real offense is challenging the wisdom and authority of established leaders. It is an age-old example of how institutional powers can become ends in themselves and miss their own stated aim, in this case, to love God and neighbor.

Discuss: How could resting on the sabbath day help renew you?

Pray: **Life-giving God, we thank you for your word that challenges the misuse of power and authority as it protects and renews life through Jesus Christ, the Son of Man and Lord of the sabbath. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help someone you know experience rest and renewal?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Taking time not to work and instead rest the mind and body and enjoy God's presence promotes health and wellbeing. In addition to Sunday rest and worship, consider mini-sabbath rests by taking five to fifteen minutes during the day to remain quiet and prayerful. It is good for your mind, your body, and your relationship to God and neighbor. Begin the time of sabbath with a prayer: **God of peace, thank you for the gift of sabbath rest to honor you and to restore us in health to love and serve others. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

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